

WHEREAS, the City of Austin conducted public engagement from December 2018 to May 2019, to learn from the community what they hoped to see in an expansion of the Asian American Resource Center (AARC); and,

WHEREAS, the stakeholders in this process specifically cited Public-Private Partnerships (P3), senior housing, and other elements that are not directly reflected in the AARC Master Plan; and,

WHEREAS, P3s are noted in the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint as a collaborative approach that can yield public benefits without spending public subsidies; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Austin owns not only the property used by the AARC, but also the adjacent property known as the City of Austin Rutherford Lane Campus, jointly over 47 acres of city-owned property; and,

WHEREAS, the Rutherford/AARC campus is identified within a Job Center in the Imagine Austin Growth Concept Map; and,

WHEREAS, the Rutherford/AARC campus sits at the intersection of Cameron Road and Rutherford Lane, roads identified as Transit Priority Network (TPN) corridors in the adopted Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP); and,

WHEREAS, the ASMP calls for transit-supportive densities along TPN corridors, encourages employers to locate near public transportation by siting employment-intensive commercial uses along TPN corridors, and to facilitate social interaction by encouraging mixed-use developments that are served by multiple transportation modes, with active ground floor uses and welcoming public spaces; and,

WHEREAS, given the demands on all city resources, the City Council values the approach of maximizing the use of city-owned property for the City of Austin and the community; and,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to initiate a process for redevelopment of the City of Austin's Rutherford Lane Campus to include:

- Integration and possible expansion of the Asian American Resource Center Master Plan
- Current and future City facility needs
- Private development opportunities

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Manager should consider improvements to the AARC Master Plan made possible by a larger redevelopment project, including:

- Continue PARD's role as operator of the cultural center
- Shared parking on the Rutherford site that reduces the surface parking requirements on the AARC site
- Burying of the drainage infrastructure separating the AARC property from the Rutherford site, thereby creating a more cohesive development
- Senior housing, retail, or office space integrated into the AARC property
- Placemaking principles that add value to the neighborhood and on-site users

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Manager should explore various funding sources and methods for delivering a multi-use Rutherford/AARC district, including but not limited to:

- Public-private partnerships with the potential to generate capital or operating revenues for AARC, on-site city facilities, and the general city budget
- use of an Economic Development Corporation
- existing City of Austin Bonds processes

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager return to Council with a proposal to incorporate both into a larger consolidated plan for the entire Rutherford/AARC district within XXXX time.